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As delay of upcoming plaza at Russell Market creates traffic menace, Smart City says work is wrapping up with exclusive space for pedestrians

PEOPLE & PLAZAS

BSCL project at an estimated cost of ₹7.5 crore

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Bengaluru Smart City Limited is building a plaza at Russell Market. Over 80% of work has been completed and soon it shall be open to the public, officials said. The project was taken up by BSCL at an estimated cost of Rs 7.5 crore.

However, traders at Russell Market pointed to the delay of the project. "There is a huge delay. We faced problems during Eid and Bakrid when the roads were blocked and traffic would pile up. Now the road is open, but the work is on at a slow pace. Earlier there was ample space for vehicles to be parked. Now it has been reduced to one side; people find it difficult to look for parking. The plaza will not serve any purpose; people will use it for illegal activities during the night," a shop owner complained.

The space opposite to the market which was used as parking space is now being recreated as a space for people visiting the market. The plaza has been developed for easy pedestrian and traffic movement while a separate area is being created for vendors, according to

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"Earlier there was ample parking space. Now it's reduced to one side; people find it difficult to look for parking – shop owner

Case of Base

Why shoddy removal of bollards from sole bus lane on ORR is a sticking point

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Motorists, especially two-wheeler riders on ORR, are frequently being waylaid by the remains of removed bollards sticking out of the ground. These fixtures pose a huge risk to life as well as vehicles. Motorists said their vehicle tires were being punctured and it may result in accidents.

The only Bengaluru bus lane has been effectively erased with the removal of bollards; however, the remnants of the bollards can be seen in a couple of spots.

Commuters afflicted by ORR traffic congestion have one more reason to worry about. To ease traffic, DULT permitted mixed traffic to flow on the bus lane on ORR. Bus lanes demarcated by bollards were expected to be reinstated after Metro work was completed.

A resident of Varthur, Deepak Bhavasar, told BM that his vehicle's tyre got punctured due to the remains of a bollard. "My two-wheeler got punctured around 15 days ago in Doddanekundi. Once my vehicle slipped too. Citizens are suffering due to fixtures of removed bollards sticking out of the road. During rains, it's harder to watch out for these structures. I have met other motorists who have suffered the same fate," he added.

"Bollards have not been removed properly on ORR. Two-wheelers struggle to pass through the stretch. Some two-wheelers get confused about how to manoeuvre. In addition, wherever they are removed,

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3 THINGS TO DO

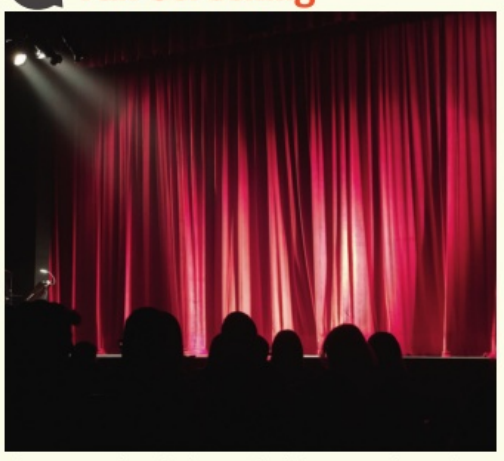
01 Artsy affair

Vasantha Art Gallery is showcasing some of the best artworks of artists Bodhi Selvam and A Mathew Raj with a central theme of Kalpa - a duration of time covering a complete cosmic cycle from the creation to the dissolution of a world system. It is an event you cannot miss.
When: Till September 15, 11 am – 7 pm
Where: Grand Mercure Gopalan Mall
Tickets: www.artenblu.in

02 For the love of drama

This is the event for you if you are looking for a night full of great ambience and theatrics. The iconic play written by the late Mohan Rakesh- Aadhe Adhure is being performed by Kathputliyan Theatre Group.
When: August 31, 7:30 pm; Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

03 Fan Screening



This one is for all the Lord of the Rings fans, the show is being screened and it is something you cannot miss. It is one chance to see the show and socialise with other fans. **When: August 31, 7 pm**
Where: Orion Mall, Rajajinagar; Tickets: Free

Bengalureans to make DIY Ganesha this year

City turns to making Ganesha idols themselves at home; parents say it is fun activity to do with kids and is also more environment friendly

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With the help of tutorial videos on the internet, families made Ganesha idols at home

After two years of simpler Ganesha Chaturthi celebrations due to the pandemic, the city is gearing up for grand celebrations this year. As has been the tradition, many are organising Ganesha festivals at home while the Ganesha pandals are also back in action.

Interestingly, a trend of 'Do it yourself' (DIY), making Ganesha idols at home is catching up.

Swetha S, a homemaker said, "Ganesha festival is one of the most popular festivals in the City. It has been a tradition for a long time to buy idols from outside and then do the pooja. However, this time, I have decided to make my idol. I went to a pottery town to buy clay. A kg of clay is being sold for Rs 30 per kilogram. I bought two KGs of clay and then made my idol. I am thrilled to take part in the Ganesha festival this time as I have made the idol with my own hands."

The trend has become a fun and engaging activity for many. Ramya R, a techie said, "My kids loved making the idols. There were many attempts before we could make a nice idol. So, now we will be offering pooja to the idol made at home."

Many have switched to DIY Ganesha's as they are more environmentally friendly.

"Authorities have been pressuring eco-friendly items. Even I feel that we should discourage oil painting or plaster of paris idols as they are harmful to nature. So, the clay idols made at home can be a great game changer. There are several tutorial videos available on YouTube which helped us to make Ganesha idols at home," a resident said. Many planted a seed inside the idol as they believe that after immersion in a tank or a pot, the seed can sprout and the idol can give rise to a plant as well.

Business picks up pace

After two years the idol makers are seeing a rise in business though the pre-covid level is yet to be reached. "The business was bad as there were restrictions for public Ganeshotsav for the last two years. However, this year, we are seeing a brisk business. This is one of the few days in the year when we see big business", said S Mani, an idol seller near Mavalli.

Meanwhile, sellers say that inflation has caught up with the prices. For example, at a few shops, a three-feet tall Ganesha idol was quoted for Rs 2,500 and a nine-feet idol for Rs 22,000.

Dos and don'ts

The city police have issued the organisers a list of dos and don'ts. "One of the organisers should be present at the place where the Ganesha idol is placed for 24 hours a day to ensure that no untoward incidents take place. There should be an adequate arrangement of fire extinguishing materials. Do not keep kerosene appliances or firewood near the pandals. An electrician should be available at the Ganesha pandals. The organisers should have barricades in place for controlling the crowd. There should be no laser projection of any kind. Organizers have been asked to issue identity cards, badges, t-shirts, said the circular.

Relief for city's Canada-bound students

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Students enrolled in Canadian Universities heaved a sigh of relief when the Canadian government announced that students studying online would still be eligible for their post-graduation work permits. The decision was taken because of the delay in getting visas by students.

The Canadian government has also announced that if a student is enrolled in a Canadian university and is taking online classes from any country other than Canada, their post-graduation work permit will not be affected in any way given that they submit the study permit application before August 31, 2022.

There has been a significant increase in the number of students applying to Canadian universities. Vijay M, a visa consultant, told Bangalore Mirror, "A lot of students this year have applied to study in Canada compared to last year. Pre covid, the student visa would arrive within one to two months, however, this year, due to covid there have been a lot of students who did not receive their visas even after waiting for more than three months. It might be because of the huge backlog that happened during the pandemic."

The students say that the move brought back the hope they had lost because of the delay in their visa arrival. Ashna M, a resident of Dasarahalli enrolled herself on a course in business management in Toronto. She said, "My course is starting on September 20; however, I still have not received any appointment for my visa. My parents and I were very worried. I had paid almost Rs 4 lakh for my admission and we thought that all the money would go to waste, I had lost all hope. However, this move taken by the Canadian government eased my anxiety."

Many students still await notice from their universities.

Malavika Anand, residing in Bannerghatta, had enrolled herself for Post Graduate Diploma in mathematics in Ontario. She

said, "I was more worried initially, but now studying online will also not affect my work permit so I am very relaxed now. There has been no official notice from our university, but I hope it will come soon."

Electricity con is sending shock waves

As pseudo electricity officers target gullible customers, BESCOM tries hard to spread awareness

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The cases of online fraud in the name of Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (BESCOM) have been increasing in the city lately. Consumers have been getting conned by fraudsters who claim to be 'electricity officers'.

As fraud cases become rampant, BESCOM has been trying to spread awareness about the same through social media platforms.

BESCOM General Manager (Customer Relations) SR Nagaraj said that such complaints have increased considerably. "Recently, there have been many such cases where people received a link on SMS saying that they have some dues on their electricity bill and the electricity will be disconnected if they do not pay the bill before the said time. Many customers lose their money when they click on the link or send the said money to the fraudsters. We have clarified to the consumers multiple times that BESCOM does not send any SMS for the payment of the bills."

The official said that despite BESCOM's continuous effort to spread awareness about these frauds, many customers have been responding to such messages. He also informed that IT employees are the main target of fraudsters in such cases.

A few of the consumers who received such messages complained to the BESCOM helpline number.

Arvind Shetty, Public Relations Officer, BESCOM told Bangalore mirror that the agency has also filed a complaint at the Cyber Economic and Narcotics Crime Police Station (CEN) as a preventative measure seeking criminal action against online fraudsters.

> **"Awareness and cyber hygiene training are very important in such cases, especially to younger and elderly people. The digital presence of people has increased and so have online scams**

As per the reports, two people were cheated of Rs. 2.3 lakh last month. Many such cases have been reported recently creating concern for the officials.

The agency has given alerts to the consumers on its Facebook and Twitter accounts, asking them to pay the electricity bills only at BESCOM counters, Bengaluru One, BESCOM Mitra App, Google pay, Phone pay or the BESCOM portal. It has also advised the consumers to report any such SMS or calls to the helpline number '1912' in the future.

Cyber security experts support BESCOM's online awareness campaign and say that it is the best way to curb these frauds.

Sushobhan Mukherjee, who is a cyber security advisor and the chairman of Infosec Foundation, a platform dedicated to cyber security, said that in cases of such online fraud the most important thing is awareness.

"It is more of a psychological issue than a cyber security issue. The fraudster cannot act until you click on the link or send them the money. These are the cases of phishing, for example, some people pretend to be bank officials and con people in order to get their bank details."

He said that people need to be educated about cyber hygiene. "Awareness and cyber hygiene training are very important in such cases, especially to younger and elderly people. The digital presence of people has increased and so have online scams."

'Bhang' not prohibited under NDPS Act: HC

The Karnataka High Court has ruled that 'bhang' is not declared as a prohibited drug or drink under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, and granted bail to a man who was arrested in the city for possessing 29 kilograms of the concoction.

The Begur police had arrested Roshan Kumar Mishra, a native of Bihar, on June 1 and recovered branded 'bhang' along with 400 grams of ganja from him.

Mishra's bail petition was rejected by a lower court after which he approached the High Court, and was granted bail by Justice K Natarajan recently.

The High Court said, "There is no scientific evidence before this court to show that Bhang is prepared out of either charas or ganja or ganja leaves."

Under the NDPS Act, ganja leaves and seeds are also excluded from the definition of ganja and "nowhere in the NDPS Act is bhang referred as a prohibited drink or prohibited drug," the HC said. **PTI**

Corruption in education department alleged

In a fresh trouble for the ruling BJP in Karnataka, which is facing flak for alleged corruption in Public Works Department (PWD), two associations representing private unaided school managements have raised the issue of "rampant corruption" in the state education department.

Together, Schools Management Association (RUPSA), and Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS), in its letter addressed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has named the state's school education and literacy minister B.C. Nagesh. RUPSA president Lokesh T. claimed that this is third such letter they have addressed to the Prime Minister in this regard.

RUPSA also released an audio recording purported to belong to a Block Education Officer allegedly demanding bribe for processing an application for renewal of a school's recognition. RUPSA members alleged that as much as 50 per cent cut is demanded by department officials to clear RTE reimbursements. **IANS**

What's eating professionals? Toxic work culture

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A study by the firm Mckinsey showed that in India almost 40 per cent of the people suffer from depression as well as anxiety symptoms, 38 per cent suffer from distress and burnout, and 26 per have a high intent to leave their job.

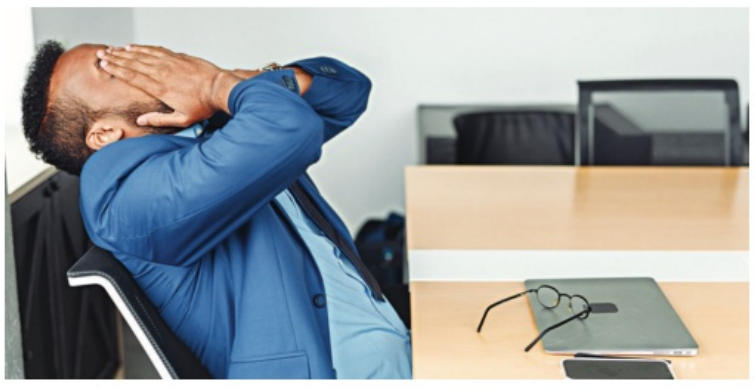
The study also showed the reason behind these symptoms. Toxic workplace behaviour led to 94% of working professionals suffering from burnout, 95% suffering from depression, and 91% suffering from distress.

Many people shift to Bengaluru to start their careers as it is known as the IT hub of the country. However, most of the people employed here end up with bad mental health.

Nilesh Pandey, an IT professional residing in Whitefield, said, "The pandemic was a very difficult time. My father was affected with covid, but I still was not able to take leave as our company was short of employees. While working from home, the pressure was way more than working in the office." He added that the concept of doing everything online was overwhelming. Before he realised, he was getting tired to even get out of bed.

"Nothing felt good, and even after trying my best, I could not concentrate on my work. It was only after going to therapy that I realised that I was suffering from burnout," he said.

Some said though therapy was a good option, it was expensive.



Kumudha Hanagi, another IT professional residing in Vijaynagar, said, "The moment I understood that I was getting mentally tired, I went for therapy. I think it was a good decision, and it helped me a lot in overcoming my condition, but then I was facing financial burdens because the cost of therapy was high. I had to pay Rs 350 for a day of therapy and had to go two days a week. With my salary and other expenses, I felt like it was getting too much, so I dropped it. I try to practise whatever she has told me."

Some also said that workplaces don't take mental health as a reason to grant leave or give less work. Amulya Prakash, of Malleswaram, also an IT professional, said, "When I said I have symptoms of depression and episodes of anxiety attacks and wanted to take a break, my boss refused. When I asked him to at least reduce my workload a bit, he said he would deduct my salary and demote me. All this overwhelmed me more."

Shruti S, a psychologist, said it is important for workplaces to pay attention to the mental health of employees. For employees, it is important to understand what is causing them stress and include in their schedule things that they enjoy, along with emphasis on diet, sleep routines, and exercise, she added.

Too loud to handle

Some pubs in Bengaluru have been reported for playing loud music till as late as 3 am; people say these establishments lack soundproofing

City pubs are keeping people up till late at night – whether they like it or not

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Residents of BTM layout have been enduring sleepless nights due to loud music playing in nearby pubs late at night.

Muskan K, a resident of the area, said that despite several complaints to the authorities, no action is being taken against the pubs.

"The pubs near our home play loud music till 1 am at night. This is a residential area with children and elderly people who are unable to sleep at night due to the loudspeakers." Residents said that the buildings of pubs and nightclubs are not properly sound-proofed and the volume is very loud during late hours.

"I don't know who we should complain to. It has been an issue for several months, and despite the order that businesses cannot play loud music outdoors after 10 pm, these pubs are continuing to do that. We are unable to get proper sleep or focus on our work because of the noise," another resident said.

The issue isn't limited to just BTM layout. Residents of Bannerghatta Road have also been facing similar problems. "Every night this one nightclub near my house plays loud music till 3 am. It is a rooftop pub, so the music is audible very clearly, and it is very frustrating for the residents. It is impossible to get a good amount of sleep with that kind of noise," said Anubha Choudhary, a resident of the area. The issue was highlighted to the authorities after an elderly citizen's tweet about the same went 'viral'. According to reports, the matter has now reached the court.

> **"This is a residential area with children and elderly people who are unable to sleep at night due to the loudspeakers** – Muskan K, resident

"I'm 81. Avon Pub in BTM 2 stage plays very loud music till 3:30 am every night. Do we have to raise a complaint to the police every night? This is pure harassment for us residents. Anyone listening to us seniors?" the tweet read.

BBMP, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, and the police are currently inspecting if the pubs are following decibel guidelines or not. However, the police told Bangalore Mirror that in the past, the noise from these pubs has been found to be under permissible limits.

CK Baba, Deputy Commissioner of Police, South-East Division, said that the police have registered four complaints against Avon Pub so far.

"A writ petition was filed in the high court by one of the residents in 2021 against the pub, and the matter is already in court. We have submitted our report to the court as well," he said. Permissible noise levels in residential areas are 55 decibels during the daytime and 45 decibels during the night.

Hop, skip, fall in Richards Town

Black spots, bad footpaths, half-exposed cables threaten pedestrian safety

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For the past few years, school-going children in the Richards Town area have been forced to skip and hop to school. Neglect by civic authorities has led to broken and uneven footpaths, black-spots in the vicinity, and exposed cables.

Parents and teachers have raised concerns over the footpath around a private institution in the area not being in good shape. They complained that children have been tripping and falling while walking to school. Amongst other things, a black site has developed near the school premises on John Armstrong Road. The footpath leading to the school is broken and uneven in many places. Half-exposed cables add to the safety risk. There are also weeds growing over the holes in the footpaths that have formed over time.

People have raised concerns about the state of this footpath that is used by a lot of school-going children who keep tripping and falling

"It was only recently that a ramp was constructed for children to enter the school from the road. During rains, the slush accumulates on the side and they struggle a lot," said Christopher, a parent and resident of Richards Town.

For the past two years, children have been attending school online, and with schools resuming physical classes this year, parents are bringing back the issue to the fore.

Another parent, Aaron Benjamin, said that a child tripped and fell on the footpath a few days back. He reported that a black spot has also developed there, which is not just an eye sore but also poses health risks. Habiba Subhan, a social worker, said that the school has been trying to fix the issue, but authorities have been turning a deaf ear to them.

"The issue needs immediate attention of the authorities as it impacts school children. Even some parents have fallen here. I had to cover the holes in the footpaths to prevent people from falling. A huge stone now covers a crater in the footpath. Multiple requests have been sent to the nodal officer and zonal commissioners, but there has been no response," she told BM.

The principal of Clarence High School, Dr Jerry George, also said that all the footpaths around the school are in bad states. The slabs are reportedly displaced and sinking.

"Street vendors also occupy a stretch of area, blocking the footpath. During rains, a part of a tree fell and has been lying there for the past six months, " he added.

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Problematic parking

Commissariat Road

Vehicles are using the bus stand opposite Ashok Nagar Traffic Police Station for parking on Commissariat Road.

Bad placement

Rajajinagar

This banner in Rajajinagar 1st Block, opposite Diacon Hospital is making it tough for people to use the footpath.

Traffic trouble

Koramangala

An encroachment in 4th Block, Koramangala is causing trouble for traffic movement.

NHAI missing in action, cops step in

Kaggalipura Police have been covering potholes on Kanakapura Road to make commuting safer amid rains

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The effects of rain on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway can be seen in other parts of the city through traffic jams. With water stagnating on the highway, many are now taking Kanakapura Road to reach Mysuru.

However, the two-lane road is worse off as four-lane work on it has been stalled. Additionally, the entire stretch is filled with huge craters.

With no support being extended by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) for fixing the mess, Kaggalipura Police have stepped in.

On Sunday, police had to hire excavators to fill the potholes. Although traffic was held up for a while, the temporary measure could help motorists until the Bengaluru-Mysuru road via Bidadi gets fixed.

Police personnel supervise fixing of potholes on Kanakapura Road

'Nature's fury'

The Bengaluru-Mysuru Road work has become a subject of debate following stretches of it being inundated due to heavy rain over the last few days. Experts have been saying that this is a classic example of sub-standard work. However, defending the project, Mysuru MP Pratap Simha said, "The roads near the toll plaza were submerged on Saturday. This is because three lakes near the plaza had overflowed." He said that Ramanagara does not usually receive heavy rainfall, but has witnessed 'nature's fury' this year.

Part of Kumbalgodu flyover may open soon

Simha said that a portion of the Kumbalgodu flyover (4.5 kilometre), which is the longest flyover in the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway, may open in the first week of September. Initially, the traffic from Bidadi will be allowed, and by mid-September, the entire flyover will be operational for bi-directional traffic.

As of now, one carriageway of Kumbalgodu flyover has been completed, while work on fixing 19 expansion joints is in progress.

"We have opened the Bidadi bypass (6.9 km) for both sides. As of now, vehicles from Bengaluru will be allowed to take the Ramangar and Channapatna bypass (22.35 km) in the next two days, and traffic in the reverse direction will be allowed shortly. We were planning to open this highway by Dasara. However, we are now trying to open Mandya bypass (10 km) at least by then. I have instructed officials to fast track the work so that the traffic on Srirangapatna (8 km) bypass is allowed by Dasara. Once the project is completed, the main carriageway will be open for traffic, while work on the service road will be delayed," he informed.

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Bengaluru-Mysuru Road fails 'rain test'
It is one of Karnataka's most expensive road projects; experts blame drainage issues

BM's report on August 28 spoke about how water has been stagnating on the Bengaluru-Mysuru highway

No let up in rain

The Met department has predicted a generally cloudy sky for the next few days with a few spells of light to moderate rain/thundershowers in Bengaluru. The city's maximum and minimum temperatures are likely to be around 28 and 19 degree Celsius, respectively.

Widespread light to moderate rains with isolated heavy to very heavy rains are likely over Tumakuru, Chikkaballapura, Kolar, Bengaluru Urban, Bengaluru Rural, Mandya, Mysuru, Chamrajanagara, Ramanagara, and Chitradurga. Scattered to widespread light to moderate rains are likely over Davanagere. In the north interior, moderate to heavy rains are likely over Bellary, Vijayanagara, and Raichur. Scattered to widespread light to moderate rains are likely over the remaining districts of the region.

Malnad can expect fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rains with isolated heavy showers likely over Kodagu, Hassan, Chikkamagaluru, and Shivamogga. Scattered to widespread very light to moderate rains are likely over Dakshina Kannada, Udupi, and Uttara Kannada.

No respite from waterlogging woes

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Due to heavy rains in the city, residents from various parts are complaining about waterlogging issues. They say that even after light showers, their localities are getting completely flooded.

Residents of Anugraha Layout said that with three schools in the vicinity, the water logging causes added distress for school-going children.

Manisha C, one of the residents, said, "There are two private schools and one government school in the area, which is why many students commute here. Even if there is very little rainfall, the entire area will get flooded till knee-levels. Cars skid because of the road's condition. Even parents who take their children to school have slipped."

She added that there are children who stay far away and come to school on their cycles, and if something happens to the children, their parents will not even get to know. Water also reportedly enters the basement and damages vehicles of the people living there.

Residents of Byrappa layout are on the same boat. Ashok Vyas, a resident, said, "I got wet while cleaning out the rain water which would otherwise have entered my shop, and because of that, my health has been affected. The authorities do not do anything. They will just visit the place, do some digging, and then leave without even completing the work."

People staying near Deepa Nursing Home Road, Marathahalli are no stranger to waterlogging either. Karthik K, a local, said that the roads have become like a river. "This is happening because the authorities are not cleaning the silt accumulated in the rajakaluve for the past 20 years, and because of that the rajakaluve is not being able to take the load and the water is overflowing. Untreated sewage water from the underground drain is also entering the water, because of which there is a foul smell."

People from various parts of the city are saying light showers are causing flooding

He also added that the frequent flooding has made the walls of two houses weak. Some of the people have also raised their buildings using jacks, and others have constructed new houses. Some have gone far enough to demolish their houses.

Mohan K, a resident of HAL Road, reported that there were road constructions taking place day and night. "During the rainy season, the situation becomes even worse. We don't even know who to complain to," he said.

A BBMP official said that they would inspect the place and comment on the situation.

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Unitech Group gets set to invite Tenders for completion of Projects

Pursuant to Order dated 17.08.2022 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India passed in Civil Appeal 10856 of 2016 in the matter of "Bhupinder Singh versus Unitech Limited", the new Management of Unitech Limited is pleased to inform that the tendering process for completion of various stalled projects and additional units is planned to be commenced shortly.

The process for invitation of more than 130 Tenders, entailing cost estimates of more than Rs. 6500 crores is planned to be taken up over a period of next 03 months (September-November) in 4 to 5 lots. The first lot of Detailed Notice Inviting Tenders (DNITs) is planned to be uploaded on the Unitech Website in the first week of September, 2022.

For all relevant details about the locations, details of Works, schedule and invitation of Tenders, please keep visiting the Company's website i.e. **www.unitechgroup.com** . Access the details through the tab "**Tenders**".

As the DNITs are not proposed to be published in the newspapers, Contractors/ Construction Agencies/ interested parties are requested to visit the website for relevant information from time to time. For any further query/ clarification, interested parties can email the same at **tenders@unitechgroup.com**.

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Out of Plaza in Russell Market

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Smart City. The plaza will have a clock tower, fountain, streetlight and sanitised toilet facilities as well.

The plaza is a seven-step graded structure - 4.5 m high and upwards. LED lights have been installed across the layout. The pathways on either side of the plaza, which were in a dilapidated state, have been white-topped and fixed.

"We have completed 80 % of the work. The toilets have been constructed; it's in the final stage. There is a well which is 150 years old; we have retained the well and rejuvenated it. The plaza is for the people to come and spend some quality time. Usually the place is crowded; people do not have places to sit; this will help them to relax and unwind here. A mini amphitheatre will also be constructed," Gopal Reddy, assistant engineer, BSCL, said.

The granite flooring too is nearing completion. Vendors will not be allowed to take up the area inside the plaza; it will be exclusively for the public to frequent. The trees at the market have been maintained. The trees have been retained at the plaza too, the officials told BM.

Smart city officials also explained that the new parking space can accommodate 40 cars. The construction of the fountain near the plaza has not started yet. "We had obstacles in the beginning with vehicle movement every now and then. However, now we have finished major works; soon it will be completed," said Reddy.

Russell Market, one the oldest markets in the city, visited by tens of hundreds of citizens daily, was built by the British in 1927. The shopping centre named after the then municipal commissioner TB Russell was inaugurated in 1933 by Ismail Sait.

Remains of bollards

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the bases of the bollards pose a danger to two-wheelers, especially ones with smaller tyres," said Vishnu Prasad, Bellandur resident.

"When you pass through the area, it's a bumpy ride for two-wheelers. DULT should envision such projects holistically and not abandon it halfway," Mukund, another resident, added.

Jagadish Reddy of Varthur told BM that officials are yet to remove all the bollards. "The remains of the bollards need to be removed between Mahadevapura and Iblur Junction. Some bases are yet to be removed from the flyover area. Daily, motorists are escaping narrowly. When it rains, it is more dangerous," he added.

The Outer Ring Road Companies Association (ORRCA) said that a meeting was convened with BMRCL and BBMP in order to remove the remains of bollards. "In the last meeting, it was decided that the studs also should be removed. BMRCL was tasked and BBMP were to remove the ones on the flyover," said Krishna Gowda, general secretary, ORRCA.

DULT officials, meanwhile, pointed out that the task must be executed by the BBMP. "The BBMP funded and executed this project. DULT gave the design of BPL as per BBMP's request. DULT will follow up with BMRCL and BBMP to get the remains removed," said DULT commissioner, V Manjula.

TEC executive engineer Balakrishna said BBMP will get them removed. "There were a lot of complaints regarding traffic jams in the area; so the bollards were removed. We have been requesting to remove them and existing bases will be removed too," he added.

BMRCL noted that initially, they were not removing bollards from the underpass: "All the bollards along with the base fixtures have been removed from the main carriageway. Initially, BMRCL was not supposed to remove bollards from underpasses and over-bridges. But later, we undertook the underpass section; bollards there are being removed now. However, due to the length of the stretch, the removal of bollards from underpasses will take time. We are also removing the bollards from the bicycle lane on the service road. The BBMP should remove bollards from the over-bridge," said BMRCL managing director Anjum Parwez.

Cycle lanes suffer too

"In cycle lanes, a lot of bollards were removed; screws jutted out thereafter. Firstly, we don't understand why bollards in cycle lanes are being removed. Once the work is completed, the bollards are not being put back. Different agencies are working independently and throwing them away," said Shilpi Sahu, a cyclist.

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Koramangala dwellers get 1,700 signs on petition for road

Residents demand road connecting Ejipura Signal and Sarjapur Road to decongest area

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With the much-delayed Ejipura Flyover back on track, Koramangala residents draw the authority's attention to an old proposal of building a connecting road between Ejipura Signal to Sarjapur Road as a major decongestion solution. Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike officials cite National Green Tribunal (NGT) rules prohibiting construction on lake beds, preventing the execution of the plan.

Koramangala residents have restarted a three-year-old petition that has acquired around 1,700 signatures as of now. The three-km long link road drawing out incoming traffic from Koramangala Inner Ring Road directly to Sarjapur Road has been on the backburner despite being able to acquire defence land, which was a major contention when the proposal came up in 2015. Residents have begun to clamour about the project once again to get the project moving.

Ananthkumar Bharatur of ST Bed Layout who started the petition told Bangalore Mirror that residents have been asking for the road for many years now. "Koramangala Roads are congested and the incoming traffic from East Bangalore adds to it. The road will connect traffic coming from areas of Domlur and Indiranagar will be diverted to Sarjapur Road without entering the Koramangala area," he said.

The proposed road was a part of the Revised Master Plan (RMP) 2015

> **"Link roads are important to reduce traffic pile-up on high vehicular density roads. They need to be designed futuristically and not by pushing current traffic to the link roads**
> –Vinod Jacob, NBF

For the project to be implemented, roughly 5.34 acres of defence land needed to be acquired and according to BBMP officials, the plan acquisition of the defence land has been resolved. "Initially it was supposed to be a 60-feet road but it was modified. The two Detailed Project Reports prepared by the then BBMP Chief Engineer S Somashekahr outlined the route of the area and the overlay over stormwater drains, defence land, and lakes. The first leg of the road cut through the defence land and residents and activists pursued with the Ministry of Defence to acquire the land for the project. if the project was completed, the IRR would have been connected to the ORR. We don't know why the project was cooled-off after two DPRs," said a resident. Residents pointed out that all commuters coming through the Inner Ring Road is not necessarily going to Koramangala but are forced to pass through the stretch. The proposal was expected to cut the travel time by 25-30 mins.

Citizens have been pushing for this road for the past years, It's a crucial road mentioned in the Revised Master Plan (RMP) 2015. As per the Master plan, the road has been hailed as a significant road for the development of the Koramangala area. "Roughly seven years ago, residents conducted a traffic study and discovered this road to be a crucial part of the decongestion. Each time, BBMP comes with a new excuse. Currently, a small portion of the road goes through the buffer zone of Bellandur lake. While officials have been citing environmental damages, they should look at alternatives to overcome this issue without causing a negative impact on the lake buffer zone area," said Vijayan Menon, an urban activist from Citizen Action Forum.

Activists also plan on meeting with BBMP Chief Commissioner, Tushar Giri Nath. BBMP clarified that they are trying to get the project started but are stuck at the lake buffer zone area and acquiring some private areas. "The project connects Srinivagilu Junction to Jakkasandra Junction via Bellandur lake. Since the Santosh Hegde Committee, there has been a growing focus on Bellandur and Varthur lake prohibiting construction in the lake area. Though the state government allocated the money and was convinced to give away Defence land, the project could not be implemented. There are also some issues with acquiring some private land," said BBMP Chief Engineer(Road Infrastructure), BS Prahalad.

Case against seer: Won't comment now, says CM

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Sunday said it is not appropriate to comment on the POCSO case registered against Murugha Mutt seer Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru of Chitradurga, as it is under investigation.

"See, any case which is important, both the cases of POCSO and kidnapping in Karnataka's Chitradurga have been booked and police are investigating it. It is not appropriate to speak when it's under investigation," said CM Bommai.

He further said that the police have been given full freedom and they are investigating it. The truth will come out.

A POCSO case was registered against Murugha Mutt seer Shivamurthy Murugha Sharanaru of Chitradurga in Karnataka reacting to which former state

The seer is alleged to have harassed high school girls living in a hostel run by the Mutt

CM HD Kumaraswamy on Saturday said, "This does not surprise me. There were several discussions about this five-six months ago. This issue should have been taken care of at the initial stage. It should not affect the religious sphere otherwise," he added.

The Murugha Mutt seer is alleged to have sexually harassed high school girls who were residing in a hostel run by the Mutt, according to the complaint.

Two girls ran away from the hostel and reached Cottonpet police station in Bangalore to file a complaint against the Murugha Mutt seer, as per the complaint.

According to sources, the complaint is likely to be transferred to Chitradurga police as the incident happened there.

"After hearing about the plight of the two female students, an auto driver dropped them to the Odanad organization in Mysore," said Stalin, a member of the Odanad organization. **–ANI**

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Get in shape

Police had a tough time maintaining law and order in Kodagu district after a few people threw eggs at former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah. This was followed by a visit to Madikeri by Additional Director General of Police Alok Kumar. The cops who had assembled for this meeting were waiting to hear Kumar. However, they were surprised when Kumar pointed at their tummies. During the meeting, Kumar pointed to a Senior Inspector stating that it was time he reduced his belly fat so that he was fit to take on his job seriously. Clearly embarrassed in front of his colleagues, the SI said that he will work hard to lose weight.

No freebies

There has been an ongoing debate on whether freebies are a welfare scheme or a form of bribe. However, former CM Siddaramaiah tried to set a precedent by saying no to freebies. During a recent book exhibition, Siddu went around and bought a few books. Everyone wondered if the former CM would pay. However, Siddu surprised everyone by taking money from his wallet to pay for the books.

The senior citizen selling books was in no mood to accept the money. He returned the money to Siddu saying that he will be happy if Siddu reads the books. However, Siddu seems to be strictly against 'freebies' as he ensured that the old man took the money for the books he sold.

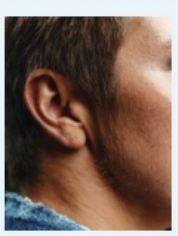
Loss of words

MLA Renukacharya was at a loss of words when he tried to defend his government. Speaking to journalists, he tried to support the government stating that the state government was completely clean. He didn't stop at that and said that all the ministers including health minister Dr K Sudhakar were clean. Then, journalists reminded

Renukacharya about his previous allegation against Sudhakar that the health minister was not working properly. Taken aback by this question, Renukacharya was literally at a loss of words and tried to escape the questions. He said that it was true that he had made allegations against Sudhakar but that chapter was over as the minister had answered his questions.

Hair counting

Scribes were in for a surprise when they received a 'peculiar' invitation, a man in Hassan district, claimed that he had counted his hair. The counting went on for a few hours before he declared that he had 1.38 lakh hairs on his head. So, now no one can dispute whether the number was actually correct. Then the verification exercise will take another few hours and journalists have to continue to watch the hair counting.



One way traffic

CM Basavaraj Bommai made an attempt to define the relationship between the government and journalists calling it two-way traffic. Speaking at a programme with journalists, CM said that both government and the press were interdependent. "We cannot survive without you writing about us and you cannot survive without us giving you the news. So, there cannot be one-way traffic, the government cannot work without the press and the press without the government. So, one-way traffic is not good and instead, it should always be two-way traffic which is good for society."

–Sridhar Vivan

SC on 'atypical relationships'
Familial relationships may take form of domestic, unmarried partnerships or queer relationships, says SC, noting such units too deserves protection under the law

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It took 3,700 kg explosives to turn towers into dust

After 9-year-long legal battle, it took 9 seconds to bring down towers in Noida; crowds gather to witness spectacle & authorities take steps to reduce impact

A combo photo shows during and after demolition of Supertech's twin towers in Noida on Sunday

#Noida (Uttar Pradesh)
The Supertech twin towers in Noida came crashing down within a span of nearly nine seconds after the use of 3,700 kg explosives on Sunday, thus ending a nine-year-long legal battle. The towers, Apex (32 floors) and Ceyane (29 floors), which are taller than the Qutub Minar in the national capital, were 100 metres tall and were brought down with explosives weighing at least 3,700 kg, in the biggest ever planned tower demolition bid.

Soon after the explosion that took place at the press of a button, the towers came crashing down, generating a cloud of massive dust and thus polluting the atmosphere around.

However, the Environment Department of the Uttar Pradesh government has installed six Special dust machines at the demolition site to monitor pollution levels.

"Pollution levels will be recorded before, during and after the explosion. The amount of PM 10 and PM 2.5 will be checked through this machine. Its report will come in the next 24 hours," said a technician, Umesh. A family which lives in Emerald Court Society has vacated their flat and shifted to Parsavanath Village. Himanshu, a resident, said that they have been assured that they can shift by evening, but all are prepared for one or two days.

The demolition of the Apex (32 storeys) and Ceyane (29 storeys) towers would have left behind about 35,000 cubic metres of debris that would take at least three months to be cleared.

The demolition was the centre of attraction nationwide as it was reported extensively for many months. Taking precautionary measures, the hospitals near Sector 93A have made preparations to render emergency medical services should the need arise.

The Supreme Court had given a go-ahead for the demolition of the towers, which it had set for August 21, but was extended to August 28 at the Noida Authority's request.

The Destruction:
In 2011, the Residents Welfare Association filed a petition in the Allahabad High Court. It was alleged that the UP Apartment Owners Act, 2010 was breached during the construction of the towers. The homeowners claimed that the two towers had less than 16 metres of distance between them which was in violation of the law. The original space designated for the garden in the original plan was allegedly used to erect the twin towers.

In 2012, the Authority approved the new plan proposed in 2009, ahead of the commencement of hearing in the Allahabad High Court.

In April 2014, the Allahabad High Court delivered the judgment in favour of the RWA while also passing an order to demolish the twin towers. It asked Supertech to demolish the towers at its own expense and also refund the money of the homebuyers along with 14 per cent interest.In May 2014, the Noida Authority and Supertech moved to the Supreme Court stating that the construction of the twin towers was according to the regulations.

In August 2021, however, the Supreme Court affirmed the order of the Allahabad High Court and ordered to demolish the towers while also stating that the construction had been made in violation of the regulations.

However, the health impact of the resulting dust on residents will be minimal as experts overseeing the demolition will take steps to control the impact. **– ANI**

'Justice prevails': Bengalureans celebrate

Bengaluru residents celebrate the Noida Supertech Twin-Tower demolition hailing it as a great precedent against illegal buildings in the city. Citizens of Kanakapura road celebrated the demolition of the Noida Supertech Twin Towers in Noida with a cake-cutting ceremony with the words "justice always prevails" on it. Residents hope that such judgement also takes place in Bengaluru city.

"We are celebrating the prevailing of justice when residents come together. We have hope that justice will prevail for us. We did a cake cutting and discussed with residents to get our justice. The demolition of the twin towers shows the residents can fight the builder mafia and has reinstated our belief in the legal system," said president of Changemakers of Kanakapura, Aleem.

Worry amid robust hiring by top IT cos

#New Delhi
The net hiring by top Indian IT companies surpassed the 50,000-mark in the June quarter as deal flow continued from key markets but soaring attrition, margin pressures, HR cost overload and employee-related challenges have put the industry in a bind. Sector experts, striking a note of caution, say the war for IT talent may continue till the time industry-ready manpower pool is expanded significantly.

With IT companies compelled to fill vacant positions to serve incoming demand, and non-tech firms on the prowl for tech talent to serve the needs of their digitally-savvy consumers, market watchers believe that employee-related issues will keep the IT industry poised on the razor's edge.

Consider this. The net hiring by top three IT companies -- Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Infosys, and Wipro -- crossed the 50,000 mark in the June quarter. There has been no significant moderation yet on hiring targets for the full fiscal as industry claims tech demand in the US and Europe has held up so far, despite fears of a looming global recession.

According to Sunil C, chief executive officer of TeamLease Digital, overall six million (60 lakh) new tech jobs are expected be created in the next five years.

While the hiring spree has cheered tech professionals, worry lines have started to emerge among IT employers over unprecedented levels of attrition, rising manpower costs, and issues such as moonlighting (techies taking up side gigs to work on more than one job at a time). Recent scale back in variable pay by companies such as Wipro and Infosys reflects the extent of pressure on margins.

And murmurs about possible slowdown in global business momentum are bound to add to the industry's woes. "In the short run, IT companies will continue to see the margin pressure as there is a cost overload whereas there is no increase in the deal structure. Once companies get the talent strategy right and cost optimisation projects executed, they will be able to improve margins," according to TeamLease Digital's Sunil. **– PTI**

Cong prez poll on Oct 17; no mention of Rahul's candidature

#New Delhi
Facing internal upheaval, the Congress on Sunday announced that the election for its president would be held on October 17, asserting that it is the only party in the country which follows such a democratic exercise.

The result will be declared on October 19. If only one candidate is left in the fray after the withdrawal of nominations, the name of the president will be declared on October 8 itself, the party's Central Election Authority chairman Madhusudan Mistry said after a meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC).

The party last saw a contest for the post in November 2000.

The BJP, which has often criticised the Congress over dynastic politics due to the control of the Gandhi family over it, mocked it as "Mughal-style coronation".

Sonia Gandhi is the longest-serving party president and has been at the helm since 1998, barring the two years between 2017-19 when Rahul Gandhi took over. Jitendra Prasada had lost to Sonia Gandhi in 2000 and prior to that Sitaram Kesri had defeated Sharad Pawar and Rajesh Pilot in 1997. While many Gandhi loyalists have been pushing for Rahul Gandhi to return to the top post that he quit after the defeat in the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, he is not keen on assuming the role and wants a non-Gandhi to be at the helm.

Sources point out Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is among the frontrunners to occupy the post. The schedule of the election was approved unanimously at the online meeting of the CWC which took place under the shadow of the resignation of Ghulam Nabi Azad. **– PTI**

HEALTH TIP: Including some protein with every meal can help balance blood sugar

Omega-3 fatty acids in oily fish are essential for cell signaling, gene expression, brain and eye development

Slimy origins

Understanding how mucins work can help researchers dig deeper into many diseases

Slime is everywhere. It shapes the consistency of your bodily fluids, from the saliva in your mouth to the goo that covers your organs. It protects you against pathogens, including coronavirus, while creating a home in your mouth for billions of friendly bacteria. It helps hagfish turn water into rapidly expanding goo, lampreys filter their food, and swiftlets build nests.

But while slime is essential for all forms of complex life, its evolutionary origins have remained murky.

I am an evolutionary geneticist who studies how humans and their genomes evolve. Along with my colleagues, we tackled this evolutionary puzzle in our recently published paper. We began by looking into how salivary slime is made in different species. What we found was that slime opens a window into the role that repetitive DNA plays in the mysteries of evolution.

What are mucins?

Slime is made up of proteins called mucins, which are vessels for sugar molecules. These sugars are the key taskmasters in making things slimy.

Unlike other proteins, which typically have intricate 3D shapes, mucins often take the shape of long, rigid rods. Sugar molecules are attached along the length of the rods, creating complex, brush-like structures.

This partnership between protein building blocks and the sugars bound to them, repeated over and over again, is essential to the properties of mucins. These structures can stick to other mucins and microbes, changing the physical properties of the fluids surrounding them into a sticky and slimy substance.

The evolution of slime

Despite the remarkable properties mucins have and their essential role in biology, how they evolved has eluded scientists.

To begin to figure out the evolutionary origins of mucins, my colleagues and I began by looking for common genetic ancestors for mucins across 49 mammal species. After all, evolution often tinkers but rarely invents. The easiest way for a new gene to evolve is by copying and pasting an existing one and making small changes to the new copy to fit the environmental circumstances. The chances of one species independently inventing a complex mucin from scratch are astronomically small. Our research team was sure that copying and pasting existing mucin genes that then adapt to a particular species' needs was the main driver of mucin evolution.

> **When mucins do not work properly, it can lead to illness. Malfunctioning mucin regulation is also linked to the development of cancer**

But our initial assumptions proved incomplete. Copying and pasting mucin genes in a genome should lead to daughter genes that have similarities to each other. Even though some mucins did fit our criteria, a previous study reviewed all known genes coding for mucins in people and found a number of "orphan" mucins that do not belong to any gene family. They exist alone in the vast landscape of the human genome.

We then focused on searching for such orphan genes in the genomes of dozens of species in genetic databases. We found 15 instances of new mucin genes that evolved in different mammals, lacking any connection to known mucin genes.

Further investigation, however, revealed that these mucin genes do have relatives after all. They share ancestry with other rod-like proteins rich in the amino acid proline, which are commonly found in saliva. These proteins rich in proline, however, do not have the key repetitive protein structures that help mucins bind to sugar molecules.

We hypothesised that these proteins rich in proline could undergo "mucinisation" by repeatedly adding proteins that bind to sugar molecules, called glycoproteins. To test this, we compared the sequences of genes coding for mucins and genes coding for proteins rich in proline in different mammals, including people. We found that the sequences were highly similar. The only difference was the presence of repeated segments of glycoproteins in mucins. What this meant is that certain proteins could be transformed into mucins just by adding on copies of these repeated segments.

Repetitive DNA and evolution

Our findings reveal the diversity of mucins in a whole manner of creatures, opening a view into evolution's slimy playground of adaptation.

Researchers often ignore repetitive genetic sequences because they rarely occur within genes that code for the proteins that perform many biological functions in cells. But in the case of mucins, creating repeat sequences from scratch turns out to be a major engine for their evolution. Our earlier work in primates suggests that the number of repeated sugar-binding segments there are in a given mucin may be the factor that determines its differences from others.

It's possible that the addition of repetitive genetic sequences may also discreetly shape other functions across the genome as well. Indeed, such tandem repeats are a common type of mutation in the human genome, and recent studies hint to their undiscovered role in biological variation between people.

Mucins and human health

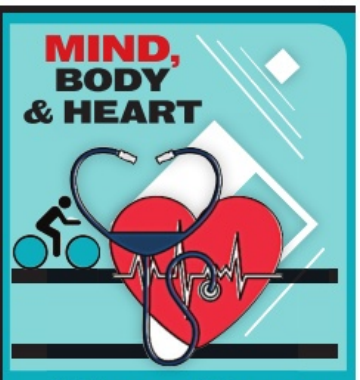
Understanding how mucins work will also help researchers better understand a number of diseases.

When mucins do not work properly, it can lead to illness. People with a malfunctioning CFTR gene develop cystic fibrosis, where their bodies are unable to clear mucus from their lungs and make it difficult to breathe. Malfunctioning mucin regulation is also linked to cancer development.

Though it may not be obvious, you likely have a personal connection to mucins. Two years ago, I visited my mother after her cancer diagnosis. The rain had just ended, and the streets of Istanbul become a bustling village of unnervingly large snails. During a short walk with my mother, I picked up one of those snails with fascination, much to her horror.

I did not have the heart to tell her that the biological mechanism that allows these awesome creatures to move was the same one helping the tumor in her lungs grow. It reminded me of the scientist Michael Faraday's words: "No matter what you look at, if you look at it closely enough, you are involved in the entire universe."

–By Omer Gokcumen, Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, University at Buffalo for The Conversation



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

My fiancé has really let himself go over the past year and I don't know what to do about it. He's put on a lot of weight - he's also working from home, which means he's not moving much during the day. He also eats a lot of junk. I would be hurt and feel very self-conscious if he criticised my appearance, so I just don't know how to broach the subject with him. We're getting married next spring and if he carries on the way he's going, the wedding shots aren't going to look great! I know that sounds cruel, but I want him to take some pride and look after himself better. One of the issues is, he does most of the cooking at home, so he's kind of in charge of the food orders. I'm a hopeless cook, so it makes sense that he does it. Don't get me wrong, he makes nice meals, but they always have rich sauces. The other thing is, his dad died of a heart attack in his late 50s and I don't want the same thing happening to him.

COLEEN SAYS

I think health is what you play on – tell him you've noticed he's stopped caring so much about his health and fitness, and you're concerned because of his family history. Also, the wedding coming up could provide him with a positive goal.

Why not suggest getting healthy and fit together, so you both feel fabulous on your wedding day?

He might be a bit defensive at first, but I'm sure he'll think about it and appreciate why you're saying it, particularly if you don't focus on his appearance and you reassure him that it's because you love him and want him to be around for a long time.

If he loves cooking, there are some fantastic healthy recipe reels on Instagram – you really don't have to live on salad and can still enjoy eating.

It sounds like he's just in a bit of a rut.

–Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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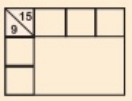
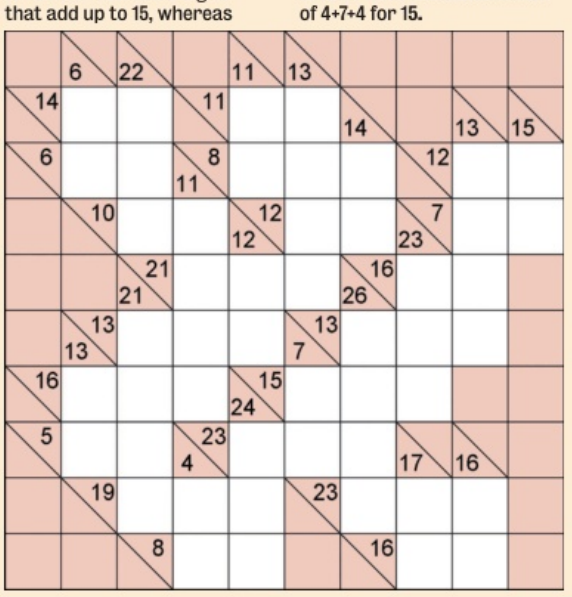
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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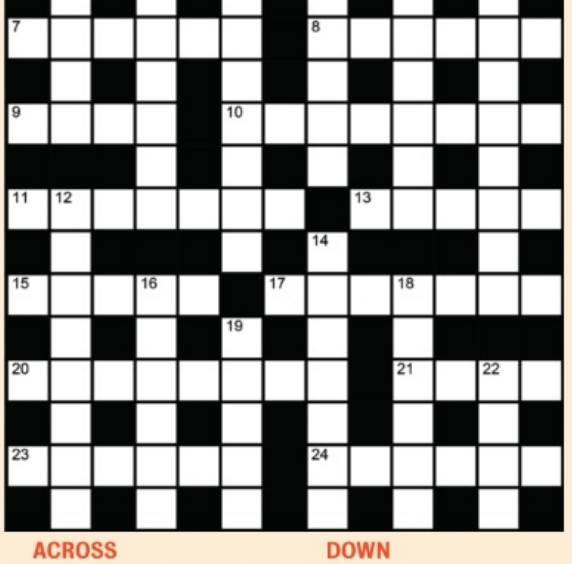


ACROSS

7 South American country (6)
8 Capital of Assam (6)
9 Came down (4)
10 Covetously or hungrily? (8)
11 Lubricated (7)
13 Willow twig (5)
15 Customary (5)
17 Nudged or jostled, in a way (7)
20 Birth (8)
21 Oodles (4)
23 One's forte (6)
24 Dried grape (6)

DOWN

1 French cheese (4)
2 Rhododendron-type shrub (6)
3 Whipped (7)
4 Goodbye (5)
5 Stage whispers (6)
6 Centre of a dartboard (8)
12 Puts into other words (8)
14 Contestants (7)
16 Courtroom excuses (6)
18 Getup (6)
19 Lady's head dress (5)
22 Fixing pin (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: T EQUALS G

UATU ZBDZXKCKAQLW CGZ KUZ YZP KQ ZOZGPKUALT.

Linemaro

Who needs stars when you have eyes like yours

Mindchow

Don't judge people by their relatives

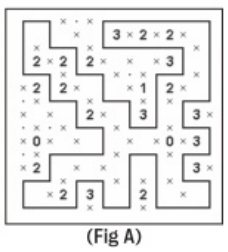
Joke of the day

Q: How many psychologists are needed to change a light bulb?
A: One, but the bulb must really want to change

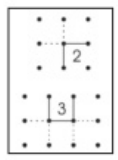
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



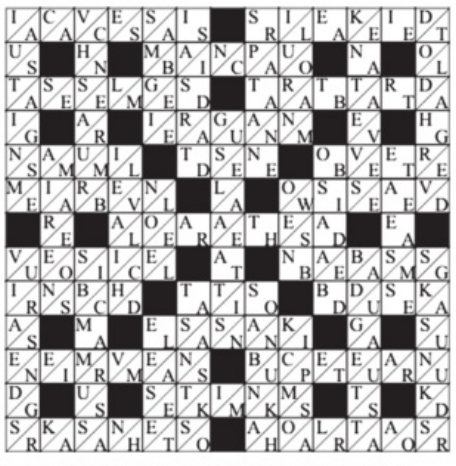
(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...

1	2	3	4	5
6				
7				
8				
9		K		

ACROSS

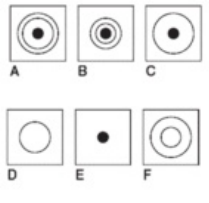
1 Sails; 6 Hoe do; 7 Or lib; 8 Oaten; 9 Drake

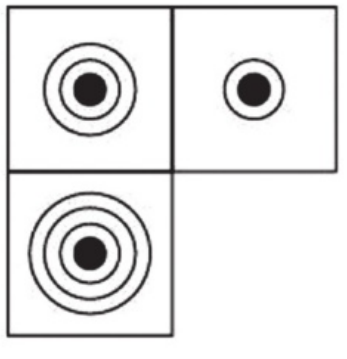
DOWN

1 Labor; 2 A taro; 3 Hooks; 4 Seen I; 5 Le did

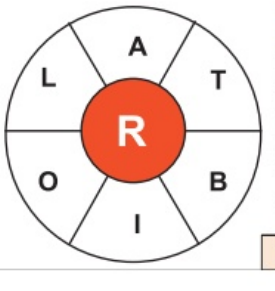
Mensapuzzle

Which is the missing tile?





Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

15 Average; 17 Good; 19 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	1	3				4	6	
				2				
	4		7		6		8	
6	8		1	3	7		2	4
1	9		2	5	8		7	6
	2		6		3		5	
				4				
	6	8				1	4	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 4
2 4 7 9

Medium ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 43
5 6 8 9

Hard ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐ = 23
2 5 7 2

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

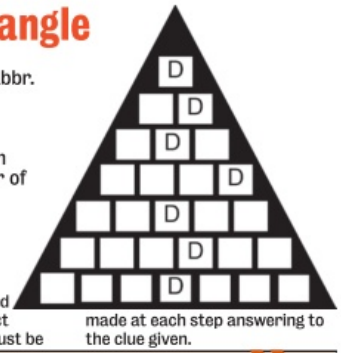
Differences: 1. Lapel is different. 2. Bow tie is missing. 3. Sign is smaller. 4. Napkin holder is missing. 5. Ear is smaller. 6. Sleeve is shorter.

Riddler

H I J K L M N O What object does this represent?

Alpha triangle

1 Five hundred
2 Advertisement, abbr.
3 Uproar
4 Highway
5 Radioactive gas
6 Penalty remission
7 Mythical releaser of troubles



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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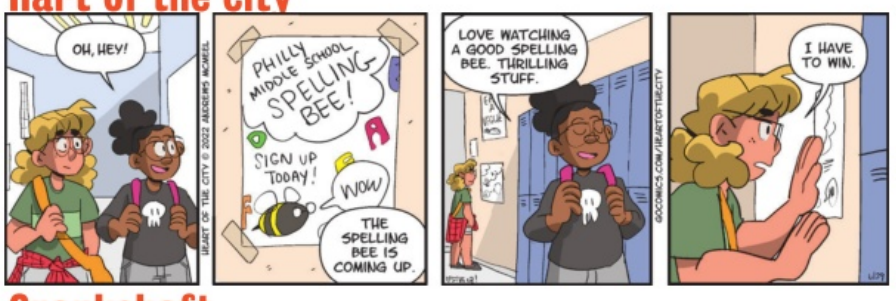
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PHILLY MIDDLE SCHOOL SPELLING BEE!
SIGN UP TODAY!
WOW
THE SPELLING BEE IS COMING UP.
LOVE WATCHING A GOOD SPELLING BEE. THRILLING STUFF.
I HAVE TO WIN.
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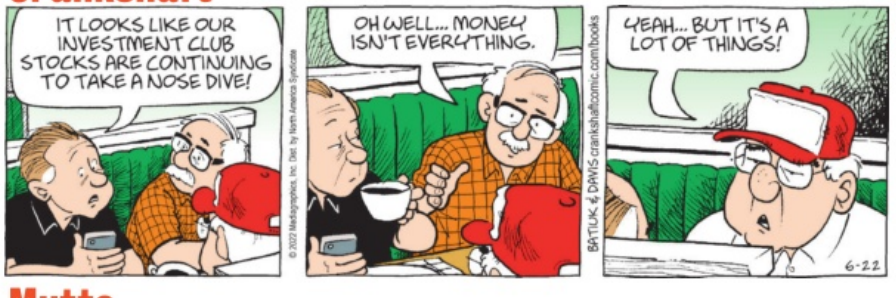
IT LOOKS LIKE OUR INVESTMENT CLUB STOCKS ARE CONTINUING TO TAKE A NOSE DIVE!
OH WELL... MONEY ISN'T EVERYTHING.
YEAH... BUT IT'S A LOT OF THINGS!
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Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. Money that was stuck may be recovered now, which may increase liquidity in your business. You may be in a leading position in your office in terms of a project. You are likely to get incentives in terms of promotions. Bonding with your spouse will improve.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you may resolve many problems with your way of speaking. You may also plan for some advanced courses to enhance your skills, which may be beneficial for your career in future. Lovebirds may enjoy romantic moments. You will have control over your opponents and rivals. You may also plan for house or vehicle loans.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be busy with your children's education. You are likely to travel for this purpose. You may plan for a change in your current job. You may also plan for higher education to enhance your career. You may also hear some good news in terms of competitive exams. Lovebirds may enjoy happy moments.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you are likely to have a change in your place or position. You are advised to read any document carefully before signing. You are advised to be careful in terms of your parent's health. Investments in risky assets may lead to losses, so it is suggested to postpone investments for some days.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you must control your straightforwardness or it may affect terms with people around you. You may plan to renovate your house and spend money on buying artefacts for the same. You are likely to enjoy some social events which may increase your network. You may also invest in your family business.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today you may be blessed by the moon. Sound sleep will make you feel healthy. You may enjoy every moment. The moon will make you confident, which may reflect in your way of working. Old health issues may be resolved now. You are likely to help needy people or donate to charity.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may feel unhappiness. Do not let it affect your way of working. There may be some delays in your current projects that are to be completed, which may lead to arrogance. It is advised to avoid adventure tours or rash driving. Lovebirds may break-up if they are not careful.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may get a big order which will increase your business. With the help of some influential person, you are likely to benefit at work. You may also expect promotions. Job seekers may find suitable work. You are likely to plan to renovate your house or office, which will enhance your status. You may enjoy romantic moments with your loved one.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you may be busy at work. Overload in the office may make you tired mentally and you may not be able to enjoy a family event. You could also be late to a function, which can affect domestic harmony. Your efficiency may be praised by your seniors, which may lead towards promotions in your current job.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you are blessed by your elders. Last week's crunch may be resolved now, and destiny will help you. Your halted projects are likely to resume. Money which was stuck may be recovered. You may also plan for a spiritual trip with your family members. You may get a chance for overseas or long-distance travel.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you are blessed by the moon and may be energetic. You can make quick decisions in terms of your business. Your juniors may help you complete your project before time, which may increase trust in the environment. Disputes with siblings may be resolved now.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be affected by the negative moon, which can make you upset and arrogant. You may be ready for sudden and unexpected changes in your day-to-day routine. Your profits may be converted to losses, so it is advised to postpone making investments for a few days. You may be in a self-exploration stage.

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SOLVE IN 1M
$(4^*(2(1/2))^2 = 16$

QUOTE UNCODE
High expectations are the key to everything.

FAST FIVE

L	A	S	S	I
O	O	H	E	D
B	R	O	I	L
A	T	O	N	E
R	A	K	E	D

RIDDLER
Water H2O (H to O)

STRIKE OUT

S	A	S	H	E	S		A	O	R	T	A	S		

QUICK

MENSA PUZZLE
B: looking across an outer circle is removed, looking down an outer circle is added.

BULL'S EYE
abort, boar, brat, broil, bair, liar, lira, oral, orbit, ORBITAL, rail, ratio, riot, roll, tailor, trail, trial, tribal, trio

SUDOKU

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ALPHA TRIANGLE
D, AD, Ado, Road, Radon, Pardon, Pandora.

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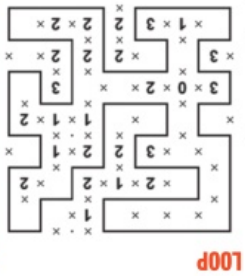

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Next-gen stars

Chalamet, Styles, Armas to light up Venice film fest

Stills from the films Bones and All; Don't Worry Darling and Blonde

Timothee Chalamet as a love-sick cannibal, Harry Styles in his first leading role, Ana de Armas as Marilyn Monroe -- a new generation of stars steps into the spotlight when the Venice Film Festival kicks off Wednesday.

Ninety years since its first edition, the world's longest-running film event also boasts a raft of award-winning directors in its line-up this year.

Perhaps the most anticipated premiere will be for Monroe biopic "Blonde", a dark retelling of the icon's tragic life.

Its Australian director Andrew Dominik has, with typical modesty, declared it "a masterpiece" and it threatens to propel Armas from rising star to fully fledged A-lister.

Meanwhile, the army of Chalamet fans are ravenous for "Bones and All", reuniting him with "Call Me By Your Name" director Luca Guadagnino for what is billed as a "cannibal romance".

And the internet can barely contain itself over the premiere of "Don't Worry Darling", starring Styles -- one of the biggest-selling musicians in the world -- alongside Florence Pugh in a thriller about an isolated 1950s community. Amid a wave of rumours about its sex scenes and 'rivalry' between Pugh and director Olivia Wilde (also Styles' girlfriend), it is not yet known whether the singer will appear in Venice.

The festival, which runs until September 10, is well-timed to kick-start Oscar campaigns, and Hollywood has increasingly used Venice to launch prestige productions such as "A Star is Born", "La La Land" and "Nomadland".

This year sees the return of director Darren Aronofsky, who won the top Golden Lion prize in Venice in 2008 for "The Wrestler" and launched his Oscar-winning "Black Swan" at Venice.

His new film "The Whale" stars Brendan Fraser, who has been largely absent from the screen since his heyday in films like "The Mummy" two decades ago, but is picking up a lot of early hype for his transformation into a morbidly obese man trying to reconnect with his daughter.

Another Venice regular, Alejandro Gonzalez Inarritu, is back in his native Mexico for family tale "Bardo" after two US hits -- "Birdman" (which won the Golden Lion and best film Oscar) and "The Revenant", which snagged a long-awaited Oscar for Leonardo DiCaprio. **AFP**

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
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Being Dwarakish

KFCC felicitates Dwarakish on his birthday

Karnataka Film Chamber of Commerce felicitated veteran actor, producer and director Dwarakish who celebrated his 80th birthday on August 19. Prominent personalities of Sandalwood attended the function.

"My uncle Hunsur Krishnamurthy introduced me to the Kannada film industry through Veera Sankalpa that was made in 1960. I made my debut as a producer with Mamatheya Bandhana in 1965. I made this movie with Rs 40,000. Those days, the airfare between Bengaluru and Madras was Rs 43. Those days I used to spend only Rs 29 to fill up the fuel tank of my Fiat car," said Dwarakish.

The veteran actor said that he got Rs 750 as remuneration for acting in Satya Harishchandra that was made in 1965 and Rs 4,000 for acting in Bangarada Manushya that was made in 1972. "I made Mayor Muthanna in 1969. Dr Rajkumar's brother Varadappa helped me to make this movie in which Dr Rajkumar played the lead role. I, as a producer, made 54 movies of which 19 movies were with Vishnuvardhan and three with Shankar Nag," he said.

He recalled how Kannada movie Nee Bareda Kadambari that was made casually became a huge success at the box office and how Kannada movie Nee Thanda Kanike that was made with a lot of focus and efforts crashed at the box office beyond redemption. "I was compelled to sell all my buildings except the one constructed at Mantralaya. I had the privilege of buying a foreign car in 1981. I acted in around 300 movies but not made property but Kannada artistes will come to see my mortal remains when I kick the bucket. I consider their affection and respect as my property," he signed off with a smile.

'Hard work brought Shraddha fame'

Bollywood actor Shakti Kapoor revealed how his daughter Shraddha Kapoor and Chunky Panday's daughter Ananya Panday have to work tirelessly to establish themselves in the entertainment industry. He shares that to earn a name one need to work hard and there is no easy way to do so.

He said: "I must say if you don't work hard in your life, then you can't become an inspiration for others. In fact, our daughters - Ananya and Shraddha, have become popular faces in the film industry all because of their hard work and struggle. It is not because they are daughters of Chunky Panday and Shakti Kapoor."

Shakti recalls how Shraddha gave her best for Remo D'Souza's directorial film 'ABCD 2'.

"Remo knows that it was not easy for anyone to do 'ABCD 2', but my daughter actually pulled it off," he adds. **-IANS**

Leading ladies for a green cause

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Sunday will remain special for actresses Ragini Dwivedi and Rachana Inder as the duo participated in making eco-friendly Ganesh idols live at a function organised by Bharathinagar Residents' Forum.

The event was meant to create awareness among the public, especially children, on the importance of installing eco-friendly Ganesha idols. An artisan was making clay idols on the spot. Many children gathered at Gangamma Temple situated at Cox town to witness it. They also received the idols from Ragini and Rachana.

"I am very happy to participate in this programme aimed at promoting usage of eco-friendly Ganesh idols. Installing eco-friendly Ganesha idols will protect environment and help avoid Plaster of Paris (PoP) idols," said Ragini. The actress said that this would prevent pollution of water bodies. Rachana Inder thanked the organisers for the inviting her to the event that helps spread awareness of eco-friendly celebration.

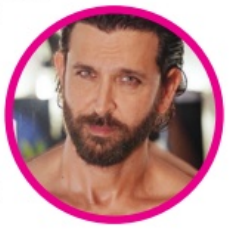
Ragini Dwivedi and Rachana Inder distributing eco-friendly Ganesh idols at Cox Town

Bharathinagar Residents' Forum president NS Ravi said around 50 Ganesha idols were distributed among the residents of Cox Town.

A humble superstar

Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan, who will be soon seen in the upcoming film 'Vikram Vedha', recently won the Internet's heart as he touched his fan's feet during an event recently.

Celebrity pap Viral Bhayani shared a video of a fitness event attended by Hrithik, on his social media, where the 'War' star can be seen dressed in a fluorescent T-shirt paired with white pants and a cap. As a fan came on stage to greet Hrithik, he touched the actor's feet.



In a reflex action, Hrithik bent down to touch the fan's feet leaving the netizens pleasantly surprised. Reacting to Hrithik's sweet gesture, a fan wrote in the comment section, "So sweet of you @hrithikroshan."

Complimenting the actor, fans called him a "very good superstar," and the "most humble superstar." Hrithik last film 'War', where he appeared alongside Tiger Shroff, was a blockbuster. The actor is returning to the big screen three years after his last outing with 'Vikram Vedha', which is a remake of the Vijay Sethupathi-R. Madhavan neo-noir action thriller film of the same name.